

Ballakermeen High School



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Dear parents and carers

The final countdown is underway for our Year 11 students with the official Leavers Day (25th April) just around the corner. **Please be aware that lessons will continue after this date and students are expected to attend in order to aid with examination preparation.**

Exam Preparation

The mock exams yielded some incredibly positive data and the results are indicative of the hard work our Year 11 students have put in over the past four and a half years. Whilst we will do all that we can to ensure students are fully prepared for the summer exams, it is vitally important that revision is completed at home. This should include the completion of past paper questions. Extra work put in now, will pay dividends in the near future.

Revision Sessions

Science	Revisions sessions by invite on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
English	Until the exam. Wednesday lunchtimes in L8.
French	Until the exam. Mr Darron - Wednesdays and / or Thursdays after school, as well as sessions at breaktime.
IGCSE ICT	Every Friday after school until the 28th of March. 1530 till 1620.
Computer Science	Until the exam. Every Monday at 3.20 in L9.
History	Until the exam. Monday and Wednesday after school in Mrs McDaid's classroom.
German	Until the exam. All the work and suggested extra support is posted on the google classroom and Mrs Murphy runs a support session on a Monday lunch time until the exam, which focuses on the speaking element.
Drama and Performing art	Until the exam. Sessions after school on every night of the week. Each student has picked a night to rehearse although they are also free to attend extra or work on dinner times.
Media Studies	Until the exam Wednesday after school in P4 3.20-4.20pm

Geography	Monday and Thursday after school until 31 st March.
DT Graphics	Until the exam. Mr Carr - Wednesday After School at 3.20 in R7. Mr Heaton - Thursday After School at 3.20 in R8.
Maths	Sixth formers run Maths revision after school on a Monday and Tuesday in P5 for Higher/Intermediate and Foundation students.

Leavers' Assembly

The leaver assembly will take place on the morning of 25th April. Students should attend in full school uniform as they will return to lessons once the assembly has finished. If they wish to get a shirt signed, they must bring a spare. The assembly will last for approximately 1 hour during which time students will be presented with their Achievement Folders.

Year 11 Prom – 2nd of July, Villa Marina

Prom will be held on the 2nd of July at the Villa Marina. Arrivals begin from 6:30 PM, and the doors will close promptly at 7:00 PM. The event will conclude at 10 pm.

Year 11 Hoodies

Students will be allowed to wear their leavers hoodies in school, in place of a blazer, from Monday 17th of March. All other aspects of their uniform should be worn including a tie and lanyard.

Exam information

Summer 2025 external written examinations begin on the 6th May, however, some practical examinations and controlled assessments are already underway.

The summer examinations are overseen by external invigilators and examination board guidance must be followed. In light of this, reminders about exam hall conduct have been posted to students on the Year 11 Google Classroom.

Students are required to wear full school uniform (no hoodies) for all examinations including those that take place during the TT period. Those not wearing the correct uniform will be sent to change before being allowed to sit their exams. Whilst we don't envisage any issues arising, we feel we should make it clear to parents that the following actions are considered candidate malpractice and could jeopardise the awarding of qualifications:

- A breach of the instructions or advice of an invigilator, supervisor, or the awarding body in relation to the examination or assessment rules and regulations;
- Disruptive behaviour in the examination room or during an assessment session (including the use of offensive language);
- Behaving in a manner so as to undermine the integrity of the examination.
- Any use of unauthorised electronic devices including; phones, airpods or other headphones and smart watches

Further information can be found here: <https://bhs.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/17/Exam%20Information>

Exam timetables

Provisional exam timetables were issued at the end of last week. Please note that any clashes that appear will be resolved in due course. Please also be aware that SQA examination timetables will be issued separately. Moving forward, all exam timetables will be available to view on a live platform that will be introduced prior to the Easter Holidays.

GCSE Results Day - Thursday 21st August

Results will be issued from 9 am onwards in the Sixth Form centre.

Those students who have provided written permission for their results to be e-mailed will receive them on the afternoon of the 21st August.

Please note that Cambridge GCSE results will be available to access on **Tuesday, August 19th from 5am**. Students will need a password in order to log on to the results platform and this will be issued prior to the end of the summer term. It is important that students keep this safe, as there will be a very limited number of staff in school over the summer and we will not be able provide students with a copy.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all students the very best of luck with the impending examinations.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Babb

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